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SUBJ: ARAFAT CABLE TO AMIR OF QATAR PROTESTING SYRIAN ATTACK

1. SEPT 29 EDITION OF QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" CARRIED TEXT OF WIDELY REPORTED APPARENTLY CIRCULAR CABLE FROM ARAFAT SENT TO AMIR OF QATAR AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS PROTESTING COMBINED SYRIAN "ISOLATIONIST" ATTACK ON PLO AND "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" IN LEBANON. MESSAGE LAMENTS THAT ASSAULT TAKING PLACE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING TO BRING PEACE TO LEBANON; CLAIMS IT DESIGNED TO STRIKE AT PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND LEBANESE PEOPLE; AND PLEADS FOR AMIR'S INTERVENTION TO PUT A STOP TO "THIS DANGEROUS OPERATION" AND "MASSACRE". CABLE STATES THAT AMIR SHARES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY EVENTS PRECIPITATED BY ATTACK, AND WARNS THAT "DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES" CAN ENSUE NOT ONLY FOR LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS, BUT FOR ALL ARABS.

2. SAME EDITION OF PAPER CARRIED ARTICLE CITING "EXCLUSIVE" PALESTINIAN SOURCE TO EFFECT THAT TERRORIST ATTACK ON SEMIRAMIS HOTEL IN DAMASCUS WAS PROVOCATION TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR
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SYRIAN ASSAULT AND THAT SIMILAR PROVOCATIONS COULD BE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN OTHER SYRIAN CITIES, WITH BLAME PLACED ON

PALESTINIANS.

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